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LET THE MONEY BE FORTH COMING.

The proposition of a prominent citizen of Newport News to give \$1,000 toward the hospital building fund in the event that four other persons will come up with a like amount, should insure the establishment of this very necessary institution. While there are not many men in the city who can spare such a sum of money, it seems that there should be at least four with financial means sufficient to meet this generous offer. Let the \$5,000 nucleus be forthcoming and the establishment of the hospital will be simply a question of a few months. The institution must come, but it is a long way off if it must wait for the contributions of those who already find it difficult to make both ends meet. There are many gentlemen who have incomes of many thousands annually, derived from property which would be comparatively worthless but for the rapid growth and development of the city. Having profited by these conditions, now let them assist in providing one of the institutions made necessary by the flood-tide of progress which has borne them to prosperity.

The anti-imperialistic league, which met in Chicago, has adopted a declaration of principles, in which we note the following:

"We propose to contribute to the defeat of any person or party that stands for the forcible subjugation of any people. We shall oppose for re-election all who, in the White House or in Congress, betray American liberty in pursuit of un-American ends. We shall hope that both our great political parties will support and defend the declaration of independence in the closing campaign of the century."

The declaration closes with an invitation for the co-operation of "all men and women who remain loyal to the declaration of independence and the constitution of the United States."

We fear that the well-meaning gentlemen, who are permitting their conception of liberty to lap over into license, have undertaken a rather herculean task. To say nothing of the numberless horde already under "forcible subjugation" there is lots of work on hand for them at the present time. The followers of Aguinaldo must first be saved from the Americans and then the Viscayan Islanders, who refuse to consent to being governed by the great Filipino Republic. The Boers, too, should come in for a large share of sympathy and assistance from these gentlemen, as they are a people who are in imminent danger of being forcibly subjugated. While we have the highest respect imaginable for the motives which inspire these gentlemen who gathered at Chicago in the interest of a cause which they believe to be right, we are surprised that none of them seems to have realized the foolishness of such a movement and the ridiculous ends to which a consistent adherence to their principles would lead. So long as these mistaken theorists confine themselves to mere talk it is no

doubt wise to give them free rein. If their actions become embarrassing to the government, the Constitution, which they vauntingly pretend to protect, provides a means for dealing with persons guilty of treason, whether their deeds are dictated by fanaticism or a desire to gain individual profit.

The question as to who was really responsible for the surrender of Toral at Santiago is assuming almost as huge and interesting proportions as the query regarding the individual who struck William Patterson, Esq.

There is a well-defined suspicion that the enterprising young man who used to hear "heavy firing" off Mole St. Nicholas is getting in some of his work on those South African war dispatches.

#### HIGHER GRAIN RATES.

General Increase After the First of November.

Eastbound grain rates from Chicago by November 1 will be the highest in five years. The action of the Trans-Atlantic Freight Committee, recommending an advance, has been approved by the Central Freight Association in Chicago, and as the latter body includes all of the initial lines between Chicago and New York, the action of the Chicago committee is regarded as official and effective.

On export corn from Chicago to New York, the rate will be 18 cents per 100 pounds, and on corn for local consumption, 20 cents. On all other articles of grain or grain products, the export rate will be 20 cents, and the domestic rate 22 cents a hundred. There will be a proportionate increase to other ports. This action overcoming grain rates is regarded as simply preliminary to a general advance in freight rates between New York and Chicago.

Railroads now have to pay more for their supplies, while, on the other hand, they have made no advance in rates. They think they are entitled to share in the benefits of better times, and that an advance of 4 or 5 per cent. would not injure merchants who are enjoying a boom in trade. No change is to be made in passenger rates at present.

#### CAR FAMINE.

Railroad managers are in a quandary. They cannot meet the demands of shippers for cars, yet do not want to order more. The reason why they do not want to make contracts now for cars is because prices are so high, and even by paying such prices they cannot get cars for several months, so far behind in their orders are all the manufacturers.

Instead of abating, the car famine is increasing. Many railroads running east from Chicago have contracted to move freight which would fill hundreds of cars more than they can furnish.

Shippers of grain for export are complaining that in order to carry local freight railways are refusing to forward grain. There may be some foundation for the complaint, but the amount of grain shipped last week from Chicago to the East was 111,173 tons, and preceding week amounted to 118,418 tons.

Freight officials of Eastern roads do not deny that they have been unable to carry grain as rapidly as exporters wish, but declare that it has been simply impossible for them to do more than they have done.

#### OCEAN RATES HIGH.

According to ocean freight agents the African freight rates have advanced an average of five shillings a ton. This rise is due to the fact that the English government has chartered more than eighty steamships. More than one half of these were used in the Atlantic trade. This will mean a boom in freights to the United Kingdom ports.

Within the last few weeks the ocean freight rates are said to have advanced 25 to 30 per cent.

#### Remains Unchanged.

The oyster strike situation remains practically unchanged, both oyster shuckers and packers in the Norfolk district being determined not to yield. Shipments of oysters from that port have not as yet materially decreased, but as it is impossible to carry any very large stock of shucked oysters the effect of the trouble will speedily be felt elsewhere.

J. A. Jarvis, president, and J. H. Cromwell, secretary and manager of the Shuckers' United Co-operative Fraternity of Virginia, including the union oyster shuckers, make a statement setting forth their side of the trouble between the packers and the shuckers, in which they deny that the union has ordered, or is even aiding the present strike. The packing firms of Crosby & Co., Elliott & Co., Ironmonger, and Hemmingsway & Co. discharged the leading men of their respective establishments, and told the other shuckers to go to work. With about fifteen exceptions more than 400 men went to their homes before the union even knew of the trouble.

The union leaders, while they did not order the strike, say that the action of the packers Monday was taken without just cause, and only on the ground that they had received a most respectfully worded petition from the union on September 1st asking that a uniform measure of nine pints to the gallon, used by all packers, at 19 cents per measure, be adopted, and that the practice of money-lending be dispensed with.

The firms of Atwood & Bacon, R. R. Higgins & Co., John E. Kemp & Co., D. Atwood & Co., H. & R. Atwood and the Hemmingsway Packing Company all replied in writing agreeing to these requests, but it seems that the trouble continued, and finally led up to the discharge of the union leaders in the four houses mentioned.

In the meantime, all the packing houses having agreed to employ only non-union men after Monday morning next, there will probably be but little development in the situation until that time, when the crisis will probably be reached.

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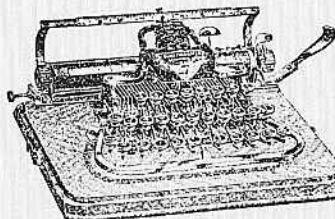
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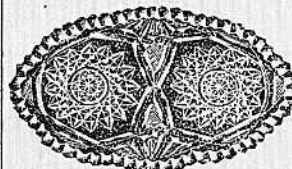
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